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AUGUST 2. COMMENTING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE

THE FOLLOWING POINTS WERE MADE: "THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING YESTERDAY WAS HELD BETWEEN FORD AND BREZHNEV. THEY BOTH REITERATED THE NCESSITY OF REACHING A FINAL AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION." "IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO JUDGE AND COUNT THE GAINS; HOWEVER, CHANCES FOR CONCILIATION AND CLOSER ATTITUDES BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST ARE BETTER NOW BECAUSE AMERICA AND RUSSIA HAVE BEEN ABLE UP TO THIS POINT TO MAINTAIN THEIR DETENTE. IF THE CONFEREES CAN MAKE PROGRESS AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF BASIC POLITICAL ISSUES THEN THE FORD AND BREZHNEV MEETING THIS WINTER SHOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE AND FORD'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN WILL BE EASIER FOR HIM.

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